(c) On the basis of figures reported by PESA the tentative estimated capital outlay is likely to be approximately Rs. 58.49 crores made up of Rs. 22,37 crores payable to Delhi Development Authority towards the cost of the building based on its preliminary design concept as developed by the architects.

(d) Barring unforeseen contingencies, the estimated time of completion of the project is four years from the date of commencement of work on the main building.

Banking Facilities for Rural and Urban Areas

1858. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to provide more banking facilities in the rural and urban areas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many branches of various nationalised banks have been opened in rural and urban areas of the District of Baroda, Surat and Bulsar of Gujarat and in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli: and

(d) what are the new phased programme in this regard for the remaining period of 1985 and for 1986, partitcularly for the Adivasi and backward areas of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The branch licensing policy of the Reserve Bank of India has been oriented towards achieving the basic objective of extending banking facility to regions devoid of or deficient in such facility, mainly in rural and semi-urban areas. Under the Branch Expansion Programme for the period April 1982 to March 1985 banks have oppened 9850 new branches upto 31.1.85. Of these, 8548 were in rural and semi-urban centres and 1302 in urban and Metropolitan/Port Towns centres. Further, the banks were also as on 28th February, 1985 holding 5251 licences/ authorisations (Rural 4419, Semi-urban 415, Urban and Metropolitan/Port Towns 271) opening new branches in the country. The banks have been allowed time upto 30.9.85 for opening branches against pending licences/authorisations.

(c) Available information in this regard is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 44.]

(d) Opening of more branches of banks in Adivasi and backward areas of Gujarat will be considered in the light of the branch licensing policy for the Seventh Five Year Plan Period which is being finalised.

Toning up of Income-tax department

1859. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the number of Income-Tax Officers who have been suspended or removed from service or transferred to tone up administration after the new Government came into power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): After the new Government came into power 10 Income-tax Officers were suspended, 2 Income-tax Officers removed from service and 259 Income-tax Officers were transferred by the Central Board of Direct Taxes to tone up the administration.

Export of chemicals

1860. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value and quantum of chemicals and allied products exported during the financial year 1984-85; and

(b) the value and quantum of chemicals and allied products likely to be exported during the current financial year and the names of the countries to which export of these items are to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Value of exports of chemicals and allied products during

the financial year 1984-85 is as under:

(*Rs. in crores*)

Year	*Value of exports/target*
1984-85 (Estimated)	794.47

Since the chemicals and allied products sector includes a very large number of items which do not have a uniform unit of measurement, it is difficult to indicate the quantum of exports in physical terms.

(b) Export of chemicals and allied products is expected to increase during the current financial year. The value and quantum of exports will depend upon the demand in the international market. These items are being exported mainly to USSR, USA, UK, UAE, Japan, W. Germany, Aden, France, Singapore, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Muscat and Oman.

Raising of service charges by Banks

1861. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nationalised banks have recently raised their service charges especially for large and medium borrowers; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) According to information available with the Reserve Bank of India eight nationalised banks and State Bank of India and its subsidiaries have revised their charges for services rendered by them to customers including large and medium borrowers. The revisions have been effected taking into consideration the escalation in operational cost and consequential need for rationalisation of service charges.

काले धन संबंधी प्रतिवेदन पर की गई कार्यवाही

1862. **श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान राष्ट्रीय लोक वित्त और नीति संस्थान के प्रतिवेदन की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है जिसमें यह कहा गया है कि केन्द्रीय और राज्य सरकारों के कर ढांचे और अर्थ-व्यवस्था पर सरकार का नियंत्रण ही मुख्य रूप से काले धन की समस्या के लिए जिम्मेदार है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार ने इसे प्रतिवेदन में बताई गई कमियों को दूर करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए हैं और राज्य सरकारों को क्या निर्देश दिए गए हैं जिससे कि इस बात की समस्या को हल किया जा सके ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) और (ख) अवैध अर्थ-व्यवस्था के मुख्य-मुख्य कारण जैसा कि राष्ट्रीय लोक वित्त एवं नीति संस्थान की रिपोर्ट में पता लगाए गए हैं, ये हैं—कराधान की ऊंची दरें, आर्थिक नियंत्रणों की सीमा और उनकी पेचीदगी, सरकारी तथा सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के व्यय में हेराफेरी नैतिक स्तर में आम गिरावट, मुद्रा स्फीति तथा कर अपवंचन के विरुद्ध निवारक कार्यवाही का कम कारगर होना। यह रिपोर्ट समाचार-पत्रों को रिलीज कर दी गयी है ताकि इस विषय पर सार्वजनिक विचार विमर्श को प्रोत्साहन दिया जा सके तथा उसके परिणामतः प्राप्त होने वाले सुझावों को दीर्घावधिक वित्तीय नीति तैयार करने में इस्तेमाल में लाया जा सके।

Performance and Productivity of Public Sector

1863. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the newly elected Executive Board of the Standing